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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for colocation of early care services available
2 through the community empowerment initiative.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 28.11 COLOCATION OF STATE EARLY
1 2 CARE SERVICES STAFF == LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT.
1 3 1. FINDINGS AND INTENT. The state of Iowa provides
1 4 funding, support, and technical assistance for services
1 5 directed to children from birth to age five utilizing a number
1 6 of separate funding streams and state agencies. For early
1 7 care services, the community empowerment initiative has been
1 8 instrumental in improving coordination and collaboration
1 9 between the funding streams and state agencies by empowering
1 10 Iowans to assume a leadership role at the community level.
1 11 The general assembly finds that colocating the administrative
1 12 staff associated with various state agency early care services
1 13 will further enhance the degree of collaboration and
1 14 efficiency. It is the intent of the general assembly that at
1 15 an appropriate time, the early care services and associated
1 16 agency staff listed in this section will be consolidated under
1 17 the authority of the Iowa empowerment board.
1 18 2. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT OFFICE. The community
1 19 empowerment office of the department of management shall
1 20 establish an office site to colocate the services and staff
1 21 listed in this section. The colocation effort shall be
1 22 completed by the close of the fiscal year that begins on July
1 23 1, 2009.
1 24 3. PROGRAMS AND AGENCIES IDENTIFIED. The state
1 25 administrative offices for the following services and the
1 26 departmental administrative staff associated with the services
1 27 shall be relocated to the office site established by the
1 28 community empowerment office:
1 29 a. The following services and associated staff under the
1 30 authority of the department of education:
1 31 (1) Center-based special education programs.
1 32 (2) The child portion of the child and adult care food
1 33 program.
1 34 (3) The early childhood network operated by the department
1 35 of education and area education agencies.
2 1 (4) The early childhood special education program.
2 2 (5) The early head start and head start programs.
2 3 (6) The even start family literacy program.
2 4 (7) Iowa shared visions preschool programs for children
2 5 ages three to five years, implemented under the auspices of
2 6 the child development coordinating council.
2 7 (8) Iowa shared visions parent support programs
2 8 implemented under the auspices of the child development
2 9 coordinating council.
2 10 (9) The school ready children grant program implemented
2 11 under the community empowerment initiative.
2 12 (10) The statewide preschool program for four-year-old
2 13 children.
2 14 b. The following programs and associated staff under the
2 15 authority of the department of human services:
2 16 (1) Child abuse prevention grants.
2 17 (2) Early childhood programs grants implemented under the
2 18 community empowerment initiative.
2 19 (3) Child care programs implemented under chapter 237A.
2 20 (4) Community-based family resource programs.

2 21 (5) The promoting safe and stable families grant program.
2 22 c. The following programs and associated staff under the
2 23 authority of the Iowa department of public health:
2 24 (1) Child health programs.
2 25 (2) The childhood immunization program.
2 26 (3) The childhood lead poisoning prevention program
2 27 implemented pursuant to section 135.101.
2 28 (4) The community-based family resource and support grant
2 29 program funded through the federal administration for children
2 30 and families, United States department of health and human
2 31 services.
2 32 (5) The healthy child care Iowa program.
2 33 (6) The healthy opportunities for parents to experience
2 34 success=healthy families Iowa (HOPES=HFI) program implemented
2 35 under section 135.106.
3 1 (7) The early childhood Iowa council.

3 2 EXPLANATION

3 3 This bill provides for colocation of early care services
3 4 available through the community empowerment initiative.
3 5 Code section 28.1 defines the term "early care services" to
3 6 mean the programs, services, support, or other assistance made
3 7 available to a parent or other person who is involved with
3 8 addressing the health and education needs of a child from
3 9 birth through age five. The services include public and
3 10 private efforts and formal and informal settings.
3 11 New Code section 28.11 directs the community empowerment
3 12 office in the department of management to establish office
3 13 space to physically colocate the state administrative offices
3 14 for the services listed in the bill and the departmental
3 15 administrative staff associated with those programs. The
3 16 process of colocation is required to be completed by the close
3 17 of fiscal year 2009=2010. The programs are administered by
3 18 the departments of education, human services, and public
3 19 health. The bill states legislative intent to consolidate the
3 20 services under the authority of the Iowa empowerment board at
3 21 an appropriate time.
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